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For the USE of the

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DIRECTIONS AND PRAYERS, &c.

IT is the duty of every one of you, who are admitted Patients into this *Hoſpital, founded at the ſole coſts and charges of* THOMAS GUY, *Eſq*; to endeavour to make a proper Uſe of the bleſſings here beſtowed upon you, by returning your thanks to Almighty God for putting it into his heart to become the charitable Founder thereof, for the relief of ſuch diſeaſed and diſabled Perſons as you are, by affording you good lodgings, and diet, and all thoſe helps from phyſic and ſurgery which your caſe requires, and which your own low condition in life hath rendered you unable to provide for yourſelves.

And that the charitable intentions of your worthy Benefactor, *the Founder of this Hoſpital*, may be effectually anſwered, you ought all of you to obſerve carefully the following directions.

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouths; above all things avoid prophane curſing and ſwearing, ever remembering that the Lord will not hold him guiltleſs that taketh his name in vain.

Let none of you be guilty of lying or ſtealing.

Let no lewd or prophane diſcourſes be heard, or any immodeſt or indecent action be ſeen among you.

Let no one be charged with giving abuſive language to any of the ward; or with wrangling or quarrelling with your fellow-patients; but be ready at all times, according to your ſtrength, to help and aſſiſt ſuch of them as are not able to help themſelves.

You are not to go out of the Hoſpital without leave.

Be ſtrictly careful to follow the directions of the Doctor, or Surgeon, under whoſe care you are, whether it be about taking your phyſic regularly, or keeping to your diet or confining yourſelves to your beds or wards, or whatever elſe they think fit to order.

Uſe no arts or tricks to impoſe upon the charity of the houſe, by pretending, or counterfeiting diſtempers you have not; or by concealing, or denying thoſe you have.

Be careful to avoid all intemperance and exceſs, which will certainly delay, if not wholly

wholly prevent your cure; but more eſpecially does it behove you to ſhun the uſe of ſtrong and ſpirituous liquors, which inflame the blood, diſorder the head, and make you unfit for that ſerious compoſure of mind which becomes every one, and eſpecially ſuch as are ſick or in pain, and may poſſibly be much nearer death than they apprehend.

As ſickneſs is the uſual forerunner of death, it ſhould therefore lead you ſeriouſly to conſider, and reflect on your behaviour in life, and carefully to examine yourſelves how far you are prepared for that great change.

You are to conſider that man's life is but a ſucceſſion of ſorrows, and a ſtate of ſufferings; that, at moſt, it is but of a ſhort duration; and, at beſt, of an uncertain continuance.

You may flatter yourſelves that this ſickneſs is not unto death; but take care leaſt you deceive yourſelves in depending upon that time which you may imagine is yet to come; your time is in God's hands, not your own; and your lives are at his diſpoſal. With him are the iſſues of life and death; and the leaſt ſickneſs for all that you know, may prove mortal; for while you ſay, peace and ſafety, he may give commiſſion to kill and deſtroy.

In ſickneſs therefore, though it be but the beginning of ſickneſs, it highly concerns you to conſider, and to take care how you employ and beſtow the time that is yet to come, becauſe you know not how ſhort it may be. In the midſt of life we are in death; in the midſt of health, God may ſay to any one among us, *This Night ſhall thy Soul be required of thee.*

But every ſickneſs is intended as a warning of your mortality, and calls upon you to prepare and diſpoſe yourſelves for ſo great a change.

Are you afraid of death? repent then truly of your paſt ſins, and ſincerely reſolve to amend your lives, and inſtantly ſet about it, and thoſe fears will abate; then the more you dwell upon the thoughts of death, the leſs the terror of it will be to you.

Keep therefore the hour of death and the day of Judgment conſtantly in view; and this will incline you to make it your daily care to be ſuch while you live, as you would deſire to be found when you come to die.

Put not off the work of reformation any longer from day to day; for every day's delay of this great work, renders it ſtill more difficult to be performed; but wiſely lay hold on the preſent opportunity of making

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your peace with God, by a ſincere repentance of your former ſins, and an actual amendment of your lives for the time to come.

Conſider the hazard you run by delaying the neceſſary work of repentance: conſider the miſery you expoſe yourſelves to; the confuſion, the horror, the deſpair, which is now in your power to prevent, by living as if you were ſhortly to die.

Let not the hope of health and long life encourage you to put off the great buſineſs of repentance.

Conſider that the next moment is not your own. Why then will you promiſe yourſelves that time which is not in your own power.

Conſider how many you have known cut off in the bloom of youth, and their full ſtrength; and ſome without any warning at all, hurried into another world; ſuch a ſudden unexpected call may be your own caſe. Uſe therefore, and improve that precious talent of time which you are intruſted withal, to your own profit, and God's honour.

Reflect ſeriouſly on your actions, and frequently put the queſtion to yourſelves, how you will be able to appear at the laſt day before God, the righteous judge, to whom

all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid.

Acquaint your selves with God and his ways in time, that your Souls may be at peace in the day of affliction.

Send your prayers, your good deeds, and the desires of your Souls to heaven before you, and then when God calls you out of this miserable world, you will happily find yourselves removed to a better.

If your present sufferings are the effects of your past follies and vices, consider then the great goodness of God in punishing you in this world, that you may turn from the evil of your ways, and amend your lives, so that you may be saved in the world to come.

Be not only patient under your afflictions, but thankful to God for taking this method to work your good, and bring you to a right mind.

It will be good for you to have been afflicted, if your sufferings work in you true repentance; you will have reason to bless that providence which sent sickness, if that sickness shall bring you to consideration, and be the means of your coming to a right understanding of yourselves, and your own condition.

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When life itſelf becomes a burthen, we naturally fly to God for ſuccour; we call on him for a pardon; we learn to deſpiſe the things of this world, and to ſet our affections on a better country.

Death, which before was terrible to our thoughts, now becomes familiar, and even deſirable; becauſe we hope it will ſet us free from miſery and corruption, and tranſlate us to a ſtate of eternal happineſs.

In ſhort, ſuch circumſtances are more convincing, and carry in them more weight than all other arguments in the time of health.

There is a Bible and ſome other good books, provided for the uſe of every ward; becauſe it is neceſſary that all ſhould be inſtructed in the duty which God requires of them.

Be mindful therefore to read the Scriptures daily for your inſtruction and comfort, and with a ſincere reſolution to govern your lives by God's laws.

And ſince many who are received into this Houſe, cannot read, and others who can, are now too weak to do it; ſuch of you therefore as read beſt, and have ſtrength ſufficient for it, ought in duty to your fellow-patients, to read often to them ſuch pſalms and chapters in the Bible as are hereafter ſet down; and

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ſometimes this ſhort book of directions, and the prayers that follow, which may ſerve to furniſh them with ſuitable thoughts, and proper words for putting up their requeſts to God, that he would grant them ſuch things as they want,

But let each one be careful that his devotions do not become mere lip-ſervice, and a matter of form; but that the deſires and affections of his heart may always accompany his prayers.

Account it not the ſmalleſt advantage of this Houſe, that beſides the benefit of the Phyſician's and Surgeon's ſkill for bodily infirmities, a proviſion is alſo made for your ſpiritual wants, by the aſſiſtance of a miniſter of God's word; who is always ready to attend you upon your ſick beds, to pray with you, and for you, to inſtruct the ignorant, to comfort the feeble-minded, to encourage the troubled ſpirit with promiſes of the goſpel, to direct ſuch as labour under doubts and fears, and to reprove the hardened ſinners, by ſetting before him the terrors of the Lord.

Beſides this you have daily prayers in the chapel, and a ſermon every *Sunday*. Let it then be your care to improve under theſe opportunities of knowing, and of doing your duty. Be conſtant at the public ſervice

vice of the chapel, ſo long as you are able: and let your behaviour there be ſerious and devout; not ſitting when you ſhould ſtand, or kneel, unleſs you are diſabled by any bodily infirmity,

Neglect not to prepare yourſelf for receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, at the Pariſh Church, as your ſtrength will admit; which will keep up a lively ſenſe of God's mercy through Chriſt, with a thankful remembrance of his death, and diſpoſe you to be in charity with all men.

When God has given his bleſſing to the means that have been uſed for your cure, let it be your firſt care to render thanks to him, the author of life, and of all the bleſſings of it; and then to praiſe him for raiſing up ſo great a benefactor as the *Founder of this Hoſpital*, to become the inſtrument of your cure. Remember it is God that heals all your infirmities, that his hand raiſed you up from the bed of ſickneſs, and lifted you up from the gates of death. Look back and remember your cries and complaints to him for ſuccour in the bitterneſs of your Soul, when diſtreſs and anguiſh came upon you.

Remember the vows and reſolutions you made, what manner of perſons you would be, if he would hear your prayers, and ſpare

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your lives, and remove the causes of your complaint. Consider then what manner of persons you ought to be, when God hath heard your prayers, and removed the evils you endured, and delivered you out of your distress.

Several Psalms and other parts of Scripture proper to be read and meditated upon by you, as will best suit your own occasions.

In the Morning, *Psalms* 3, 5, 17, 23, 31, 63.

In the Evening, *Psalms* 4, 121, 139, 141.

In Sickness, or Affliction, *Psalms* 6, 22, 25, 38, 44, 69, 79, 84, 86, 102, 142, 143; and *Isaiah* 38.

For Pardon of Sin, *Psalms* 25, 51, 85, 86, 88.

Meditations on man's frailty, *Job* 7, 14, *&c.* *Psalms* 39, 49, 90.

For Patience, and other godly Virtues, *Psalm* 37.

For Obedience to the Law of God, *Psalms* 50, 101.

For the love of God's Law, *Psalms* 19, 119.

For Humility, *Psalm* 131.

Of Providence, *Psalms* 41, 94, 104, 105.

For Confidence in God, *Psalms* 16, 27, 40, 42, 43, 46, 55, 56, 62, 71, 73, 77, 89, 91, 115, 125, 130.

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The Bleſſings of good Men ſet forth, in *Pſalms* 1, 15, 1, 2.

Thankſgiving Pſalms on Recovery, 18, 30, 32, 33, 34, 66, 92, 95, 96, 103, 107, 113, 116, 118, 135, 136, 138, 145, 146, 147, 148.

Chapters of Scripture.

Deuteronomy, 5, 6, 28, 32.
Proverbs 1, 28.
Lamentations 3.
Matthew 5, 6, 7, 13, 18, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.
Luke 6, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18.
John 3, 4, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15.
Romans 2, 6, 12.
1 *Corinthians* 13, 15.
2 *Corinthians* 4, 5.
Galatians 5, 6.
Epheſians 4, 6.
Philippians 4.
Coloſſians 3.
1 *Theſſalonians* 4, 5.
Hebrews 11, 12.
James 1, 3, 4, 5.
1 *Peter* 1, 2, 3, 4.
1 *John* 2, 3.

After reading a chapter, the following prayer is to be ſaid publickly by one of the patients of every ward going to bed.

O Almighty God, who haſt compaſſion upon all men, and hateth nothing that thou haſt made; behold, viſit and relieve us thy afflicted ſervants, who here caſt ourſelves before thee, acknowledging our own unworthineſs, and thy righteouſneſs in all that is brought upon us. We humbly intreat thy pardon and forgiveneſs for all that is paſt, and ſtedfaſtly reſolve by thy help to forſake our ſins, and amend our lives for the time to come. Help us, good Lord, to fulfil theſe our reſolutions; help us to reform, and amend whatever is amiſs in the temper of our minds, or the courſe of our lives; enable us to govern our paſſions, and to direct our actions aright; and to make us daily to increaſe in the knowledge, and in the practice of our duty. Preſerve us from idleneſs and ſloth, and from the corruption of evil company; make us contented in the ſtation which thou has allotted us, and give us patience under every affliction thou ſeeſt fit to lay upon us. Incline our hearts to all that is good, defend us from all evil, and preſerve our feet in the paths of piety and virtue; ſo that at length we may attain to everlaſting life. Have pity upon all that labour together with us under ſickneſs, weakneſs, lameneſs, or pain; and give thy bleſſing to the means that are uſed

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for our recovery. O deal not with us after our deſerts, but according to our wants, and according to the multitude of thy mercies look upon us. Of thy goodneſs preſerve our Sovereign Lord King *George*, Queen *Charlotte*, their Royal Highneſſes *George* Prince of *Wales*, the *Dukes*, the *Princeſſes*, and all the Royal Family; ſend down thy bleſſings upon all our relations and friends, and reward all our benefactors. Particularly are we bound to praiſe thee for the good and charitable *Founder of this Hoſpital*, who hath ſo liberally provided for the wants of the ſick and needy, and for all the benefits both to our ſouls and bodies, which we through his bounty enjoy in this houſe of charity.

Bleſs all the worthy Governors of this hoſpital; excite in our hearts a grateful ſenſe of their charitable care for our welfare, and grant that they may plentifully reap the reward of their labour of love, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Forgive us whatever we have done amiſs this day, and let thy good providence watch over us this night, to guard and defend us from all dangers, and give us that reſt which is neceſſary for us.

O Lord, hear us; O Lord, help us for thy mercies ſake; pity us in our low eſtate; accept our humble requeſts, and fulfil all

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our petitions, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt, in whoſe name we continue to call upon thee; ſaying, as he himſelf hath taught us;

Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy Kingdom come, thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our treſpaſſes as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

And now, to thy mercy and protection, O God, we commit ourſelves this night and ever more. O Lord, bleſs us, and keep us; Lord lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us peace this night, henceforth, and for evermore. *Amen.*

Prayers in Sickneſs, Lameneſs, or Pain.

I.

LOOK down, O Lord, in pity and compaſſion on the miſeries and ſorrows of thy afflicted ſervant. Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thy hand preſſeth me ſore. O comfort the ſoul of thy ſervant, for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my ſoul; pity my diſtreſſes; releaſe me from my pains; ſpeak

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the word only, and thy ſervant ſhall be whole; ſupport me graciouſly under the pain and anguiſh of my condition. Let not the burthen of my preſent miſeries overwhelm me, nor the thoughts of death terrify my ſoul; but grant me the needful ſupplies of patience and comfort upon my ſick bed, and reſtore me again in thine own good time to health and ſtrength, and ſoundneſs of body. O remember not againſt me my ſins and offences, but according to thy mercy think thou upon me. O Lord, thou art infinite in goodneſs and power, and thy fatherly compaſſions fail not; extend that goodneſs in thine afflicted ſervant, and let thy power be ſeen in my deliverance. Thou knoweſt the frailties and infirmities of my mortal nature, O turn thee unto me, and help me; O ſave me for thy mercy's ſake; through the merits of my redeemer, Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

II.

TO thee, O Lord, I fly for help in all my difficulties and diſtreſſes; in thee I put my truſt, and my dependance is on thine almighty aid. Hear the prayers and ſupplications of thine afflicted ſervant, and grant me my requeſts; abate thine anger and diſpleaſures againſt me, and deliver me out

out of all the troubles and miſeries that encompaſs me about. Of thy goodneſs ſupport my troubled ſpirit; have pity on me, eaſe my pain, or increaſe my patience; ſpeak peace to my troubled mind; ſay unto my ſoul, I am thy ſalvation; relieve me in all my ſtraits; ſhorten my ſorrows, and teach me contentedly to ſubmit to whatever befalls me by the allotment of thy wiſe providence. I know that thou, O Lord, art good and gracious; thy property is always to have mercy; thou doſt not afflict willingly, nor take delight to grieve the children of men; I know that it is thy hand, and that thou, Lord, haſt done it: To thee therefore will I direct my prayer, and will look up. Let no dangers affright me from my duty; let no diſtreſſes ſhake my faith and confidence in thee; but make me ſtedfaſt, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, and approving myſelf to thee in well doing all the days of my life here, till I come to be admitted into thine everlaſting kingdom, through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt, my Saviour, who hath taught me to pray, ſaying,

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

Here, and after any of the Prayers, may be uſed the Lord's Prayer.

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III.

O Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me, for I am desolate, and in misery. How can I sustain the miseries of this afflicted state, unless thou, Lord, comest in to my relief, and dost succour and support me with thy strength? O turn not then thy face from me, nor cast away thy servant in displeasure. Thou knowest my sorrows and distresses, and my groaning is not hid from thee. Lay upon me no more than thou wilt enable me to bear. Deal with me as thou seest most convenient for me; dispose of me according to thy good pleasure: Only fit me for thy dispensation, so as that I may use them aright, and improve under them. Remember me, O Lord; pity my languishing condition; let my prayers find access to thy presence; hear me when I pour out my supplications before thee, and lift up my hands to thy mercy-seat; correct me, but with the chastisement of a father, not the wounds of an avenger. O Lord, thou art my Creator, and I the work of thy hands, and like as a father pitieth his children, so be thou merciful to me. O save me for thy mercy's sake, and for the sake of my Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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IV.

A Prayer for the right use of Afflictions.

RIghteous art thou, O Lord, and just are thy judgements. I confess that the sins of my past life have justly deserved the pains and miseries I endure. O let this chastisement and correction of thine become a seasonable check, to restrain me from going on in the paths that lead to destruction, and to bring me back to the right way. Give me such an unfeigned repentance as will be accepted in thy sight; make me so to judge of myself as thou judgest of me, that I may neither presume on thy mercy, nor distrust it. Give me patience and contentedness under my adversity; make me to improve under thy correction, and fit me for heaven by the troubles I suffer upon earth. If thou art pleased to restore me to my former health, and to admit me to a farther trial, grant that I henceforth may walk before thee in newness of life; so that the punishing my body may be the means of saving my Soul, and that I may ever have cause to glorify thee for this day of visitation. But if the time of my departure be at hand, accept my weak endeavours to fit and prepare myself against the hour of death; make it a passage

paſſage to a happy immortality, and receive me to the arms of thy mercy, through the merits and mediation of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, my only Saviour and Redeemer.

A Confeſſion of Sin.

ALmighty and moſt merciful God and Saviour, accept the humble petitions of thy unworthy ſervant, who now preſent myſelf before thee, earneſtly to implore thy pardon and forgiveneſs for the manifold tranſgreſſions of my paſt life. I acknowledge my former iniquities, and am ſorry for my ſins. Do thou, O Lord, in mercy, not in judgment, ſet before me the things that I have done. I have ſinned againſt thee in thought, word, or deed. I have waſted too many of the days of my youth, and health, and ſtrength in the ſervice of ſin. I have ſinned againſt my neighbours and myſelf, *(Here call to mind your particular ſins.)* And now in the deep ſenſe of my former baſeneſs and ingratitude, I caſt myſelf before the throne of thy grace; I beg to approach thy Majeſty with full purpoſe of amendment of life. Look down with pity and compaſſion upon me a miſerable ſinner: O caſt me not away from thy preſence, but ſpeak peace and comfort to my diſtreſſed Soul. I confeſs with ſhame and confuſion of face, the great provocations

vocations of my life paſt; I confeſs that I have neglected my duty, and gone aſtray from the ways of thy righteous commandments; have mercy upon me, moſt merciful Father; for thy Son Jeſus Chriſt's ſake forgive me all that is paſt, and vouchſafe to receive a returning penitent into the arms of thy fatherly compaſſion; help me to ſubdue the power of evil habits, and to perform my reſolutions of amendment. Let me never more abuſe the bleſſings I enjoy, to the ſervice of ſin and to the working my own will; but teach me to do the thing that pleaſeth thee; ſuffer me not to turn again to ſin and folly; but let thy goodneſs always preſerve me; write thy law upon my heart, that I may not ſin againſt thee; let the ſorrowful reflection of my paſt follies make me more careful of my actions for the time to come, and more watchful againſt the temptations that have formerly betrayed me into ſin. Grant me, O Lord, theſe my requeſts, and whatever elſe thou knoweſt to be needful for me, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

Morning Prayers.

I.

TO thee, O Lord, I humbly offer up this morning ſacrifice of thankſgiving, for protecting me from the evils of the night paſt, and for bringing me in ſafety to another day. Defend me therein from all dangers, and preſerve me eſpecially from ſin and wickedneſs: Let not this day increaſe my guilt, nor the number of my days add to the number of my offences, which are already become a ſore burthen too heavy for me to bear. Make me to conſider thee as a conſtant witneſs of all my actions, and the diſcerner of all my thoughts, Enable me to ſearch and try my heart, and to turn to thee by an unfeigned repentance. Let a good conſcience ſupport me under all trials, and carry me in ſafely through this vale of miſery. Teach me, O Lord, to look with comfort beyond the grave, where temptations and afflictions ceaſe, and where ſickneſs and death ſhall be no more, I deſire to ſubmit to the diſpenſation of thy providence and the purpoſe of thy will concerning me. Help me then, O my God, to bear with meekneſs

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and patience whatever I am to ſuffer; and make me contented with my portion in this world, and diligently to diſcharge the duties of my calling; but let not the concerns of this preſent life ſo take up my thoughts as to make me neglect the duties of my heavenly calling. Make me ſeriouſly to conſider the great work I have to do, and the uncertainty of the time I have to do it in, that I may no longer conſume my days in vanity, but be working out my ſalvation, and making my peace with thee, my God, before I go hence, and be no more ſeen; and at the laſt day may be able to give up my accounts with joy, and not with grief, and by thy mercy may obtain that crown of life which thou haſt promiſed to them that love thee, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

ACcept, O Lord, the return of praiſe and thankſgiving for the comfortable refreſhment of the night paſt, and for bringing me to the beginning of another day. Thou haſt commanded us to pray unto thee in all our wants, and neceſſities; let thy ſpirit help my infirmities, and teach me to aſk ſuch things as are agreeable to thy will. O

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give thy ſervant an underſtanding ſpirit to diſcern what is good for me, and to chuſe what is beſt. Make me ſo to ſee and conſider the uncertainty of my preſent life, as to take off my affections from the things of this world, and to engage my thoughts in a ſerious preparation for the world to come. Direct me carefully to lay hold on all opportunities of doing good, and to avoid all temptations to evil. Thou, knoweſt, Lord, the frailty of our mortal nature, do thou of thy goodneſs aſſiſt and help me; thou knoweſt all my thoughts, accept the ſincerity of my intentions: Poſſeſs my heart with a fear and love of thy holy name, and a ſenſe of my dependance on thee through the whole courſe of my life. Let me neither be diſcontented with my preſent ſtate, nor diſtruſtful of a proviſion for the future; but teach me to expreſs my thankfulneſs to thee for all the bleſſings I enjoy. From henceforth I deſire, O Lord, to be of the number of thy faithful and obedient ſervants; let thy providence be my guard from all evil this day; let thy right-hand be my defence againſt all my enemies; keep me in thy fear all the day long; and carry me ſafely through the dangers of this world to the land of everlaſting reſt and peace, through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour, in whoſe

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prevailing name and words I farther pray unto thee, saying,

Our Father, &c.

Evening Prayers.

MOST gracious God, I humbly beseech thee of thy goodness to pardon whatever iniquity, transgression, or sin thou hast beheld in thy servant this day; forgive the vanity of my thoughts, the rashness of my words, and whatever actions have not been according to thy law; pardon my neglect of what I ought to have done, and my guilt wherein I have done amiss. I am heartily sorry for all my misdoings. O forgive me all that is past, and make me more watchful over my ways for the future, more careful to please thee; and more fearful to offend thee. Thou hast been my succour ever since I was born; O leave me not to myself, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. Let no prosperity or ease make me forget thee; let no affliction or pain drive me from thee; but let all things work together for my good. Make me to consider and meditate on my past, my present, and my future state; that I may employ my hours in watching and in prayer, lest I enter into

into temptation. Teach me in every ſtate of life that meekneſs, humility, and contentedneſs whereby I may poſſeſs my Soul in patience, and in peace. Make me carefully to avoid all the occaſions that have formerly betrayed me into ſin and folly, and henceforth to attend to whatever thou requireſt of me, and ready to perform it. Let me no longer abuſe and miſemploy the time thou haſt allotted me to work out my own ſalvation; but grant me thy aſſiſtance, that by keeping innocency, and taking heed to the thing that is right, I may find peace at the laſt. Take me and mine under thy protection this night, and be our guide unto our lives end. All this I beg for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake our Lord. *Amen*

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ALmighty and moſt merciful God and Saviour, to thy fatherly protection I commit myſelf, my body and Soul, this night; keep me from all dangers that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may aſſault and hurt the ſoul. Make me always mindful of the time when I ſhall lay down in the duſt; and keep me in a conſtant preparation for that great change. To thee I humbly commend the care of all my relations and

friends; take them under the protection of thy good providence: Thou canſt do more for them than I can either aſk or think. And now accept, moſt gracious God, my praiſes and thankſgivings for the continuance of thy mercies to me the day paſt; for the ſupply of the neceſſaries of this life, and for the means of obtaining happineſs in the life to come. Give me ſuch reſt and refreſhment this night as may diſpoſe me for the duties of the next day; and let it be my ſtudy all my days to approve myſelf acceptable to thee by a ſober, righteous, and a godly life. And this I beg for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, in whoſe name and words I conclude my petitions, ſaying,

Our Father, &c.

A Prayer for the Graces and Virtues of the Chriſtian Life.

O GOD, the author and giver of all good things, preſerve in my heart a conſtant ſenſe of my dependance on thee, and a thankful acknowledgment of thy mercies towards me. Guide my affections and direct my will to the choice of that which is good. Keep me ſtedfaſt in thy fear and love. Remove from me what

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ever may prove a hindrance to the diſcharge of my duty. Defend me againſt the temptations of the world, and from an immoderate concern of the things of it. Help me to perform the duty I owe to myſelf; and make me juſt and righteous in all my dealings; always affected with that royal law of loving my neighbour as myſelf; and always ready to forgive thoſe that have done, or wiſhed me evil; and from envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableneſs, good Lord deliver me. Keep thy ſervant from all ſinful exceſſes, from every thing that is hurtful to myſelf, or diſpleaſing to thee; preſerve my heart and body in purity and chaſtity, and help me, O my God, to eſcape the corruption that is in the world through luſt. Teach me a moderate uſe of thoſe refreſhments which thou haſt graciouſly afforded me, that I may never tranſgreſs the bounds of temperance and ſobriety; nor abuſe myſelf, nor offend thee by debauchery and exceſs. Preſerve me from falſhood and wrong, and from the ſins of unfaithfulneſs and ingratitude. Let truth and juſtice, love and charity, be the conſtant rules of my life and practice; and enable me always to keep a conſcience void of offence towards God and towards man. Give me a meek and a lowly ſpirit, that I may with patience ſubmit to thy rebukes, and do my duty faithfully in that ſtation to which thou haſt called me. And if,

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by thy wife appointment, labour and ſorrow are to be the lot of my life here, grant that I may exchange it for reſt and joy in the life to come. Make me ſeriouſly to conſider how ſhort my time is, that I may be working out my own ſalvation, and making my peace with thee, my God, before I go hence and be no more ſeen. Work in my heart, O Lord, theſe graces and virtues, and grant me whatever elſe thou ſeeſt needful for me. And this I beg for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Interceſſion.

O Merciful God, ſuffer me thy unworthy ſervant to appear before thee, to make prayers and ſupplications, and interceſſions in behalf of all mankind. O ſend out thy light and thy truth, that thy way may be known upon earth, thy ſaving health among all nations: Eſtabliſh and increaſe true religion, as taught in thy holy word. Preſerve all good chriſtians in the ways of purity and holineſs, and unite them together in peace and love: Protect and defend our moſt gracious ſovereign King *George*; let his reign be proſperous, and his days many: Bleſs likewiſe Queen *Charlotte*, their royal highneſs *George* Prince of Wales, the *Dukes* and *Princeſſes*, and all the royal family: Bleſs all orders and degrees of men amongſt us, high and low, rich and poor, one with another: Bleſs all

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my relations, friends, and benefactors; grant them all temporal bleſſings and everlaſting life: Forgive all my enemies, perſecutors, and ſlanderers, and turn their hearts. And, O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, extend thy compaſſion to all the ſons and daughters of affliction; particularly to us thy unworthy ſervants, whoſe bodily infirmities have brought us together to ſeek for relief and cure in this houſe of charity: Be thou a father to the fatherleſs, and a helper of the friendleſs: Relieve and ſuccour all that are in miſery and diſtreſs: Deliver the out-caſt and poor, and him that hath no helper. May all our ſufferings here upon earth work together for our good, that we may be made partakers of happineſs together in the life to come. All this I beg for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Sunday *Morning.*

I Praiſe thee, O Lord, creator of heaven and earth, for thy bountiful goodneſs to me and all the world: I acknowledge thy mercy towards me, in preſerving my life to this day ſet apart for thy publick worſhip and ſervice: In the midſt of the congregation will I praiſe thee: Be with me, and aſſiſt me in the diſcharge of my duty; that the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart may be this day

accepted in thy ſight: Remove from me all vain and wandering thoughts; and while I call upon thee with my lips, let not my heart be far from thee: Give me ſuch an aweful ſenſe of the majeſty of thy preſence as may command my reverence and attention to what I am about. Of thy goodneſs protect and defend the univerſal church of Chriſt, whereſoever diſperſed throughout the world; preſerve and keep it in the ways of truth and holineſs: Give thy grace and holy ſpirit to all the miniſters and diſpenſers of thy word and ſacraments; that by the exemplarineſs of their lives, and by the ſoundneſs of their doctrine, they may both ſave themſelves and thoſe that hear them; be graciouſly preſent in all congregations of chriſtian people this day aſſembled to worſhip thee according to thy word; let thy merciful ears be open to their prayers; let thy word ſink down into their hearts, and bring forth fruit in their lives; and let us worthily magnify thy name together, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Sunday *Evening.*

TO thee, O God, do I give thanks for the favour and privilege I have had this day of preſenting my ſupplications before thee in the public aſſembly, and of hearing and receiving thy holy word: make me wiſely to improve

prove these opportunities of knowing thy will, and make me careful to perform it, that I may be a doer of thy word, and not a hearer only, deceiving my own self. I am thankful for that provision which is made for my instruction in this place. Thou, Lord, hast graciously provided both for the support of my body, and for the enlightening my mind: For these testimonies of thy love, accept the returns of an humble, penitent, and obedient heart. Let me not neglect so great salvation: Let thy Scriptures be my delight and my counsellors; and direct me in the ways of true religion: Help me to treasure up the pious instructions I have received this day, fix them in my heart, and let the power of them be seen in my conversation with the world; but remember not against me, O Lord, I beseech thee, the follies and vanities in which I have so often mis-spent this holy day; pardon all my careless behaviour in thy house of prayer, and all my unfruitfulness under the means of grace: Pardon the infirmities of thy servant; the wandering and distraction of my thoughts; the dullness and deadness of my affections; and whatever mixtures of other frailties have attended the performance of my religious duties; and let not my former neglects prevent thy blessings from descending on my endeavours to have served thee acceptable this day. Hear these requests of thy unworthy

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ſervant, and let not my unworthineſs turn my prayers into ſin; but pardon my defects, and accept my ſervices; for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour and Redeemer, in whoſe prevailing name and words I continue to call upon thee, ſaying,

Our Father, &c.

Thankſgiving upon Recovery.

I.

I Will magnify thy name, moſt gracious Lord, for all thy goodneſs and compaſſion towards me all the days of my life paſt: More particularly am I bound to praiſe thee for the bleſſing of health thou haſt lately reſtored to me, and for having been my refuge in the day of my diſtreſs. To thy loving kindneſs alone are owing all the ſupports with which thou haſt refreſhed my ſoul in the midſt of trouble: Thou haſt chaſtened, and corrected me, but haſt not given me over unto death: To thee I owe my health, my ſtrength, my life itſelf: To thy providence I aſcribe it, that I am now free from thoſe pains and miſeries I have endured: To thee therefore, O thou preſerver of men, I will give thanks; to thee will I live all my days

days; I am thine, I will walk in the ways of thy laws all the days of my pilgrimage here on earth; O that my ways were ſo directed, that my life might be one act of gratitude and obedience! Let me not trifle away the remainder of my time, but ſeriouſly prepare for my great change: Keep my ſoul in a conſtant readineſs for death, and make me ſtill to remember how frail I am, and that in the midſt of life I am in death; make my afflictions to work together for my good; and let me never forget thy mercies towards me, nor the vows I made in the day of my diſtreſs; but do thou confirm and ſtrengthen thoſe reſolutions in me, that I may not be led away with the error of the wicked, nor fall from my own ſtedfaſtneſs; but let me always preſerve a grateful ſenſe of my deliverance from the jaws of death, O Lord, my ſtrength and redeemer. *Amen.*

II.

ACCEPT my thanks, thou that art the God of my life, for this freſh inſtance of thy loving kindneſs towards me, in raiſing me up from the bed of ſickneſs; and make me to devote that life to thy ſervice, which thou haſt reſtored to me: Thou haſt laid thine hand upon me, and thy wrath hath preſſed me ſore:

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In thy wrath thou haſt afflicted me with ſickneſs, weakneſs, and pain, and brought me down to the borders of the grave; but in thy mercy thou haſt reſtored me to health, and ſet my feet in the land of the living: Thy love exceeds my largeſt deſires, and thou haſt given me more than I am able to expreſs: Thou haſt heard my prayer, and conſidered my complaint, and haſt known my ſoul in adverſity: Make me ever gratefully to acknowledge thy mercy towards me, and help me faithfully to perform the vow I made when I was in trouble: Let not my goodneſs be as a morning cloud; neither my repentance as the early dew that paſſeth away; but accompliſh the work that thou haſt wrought in me: Watch over me, and defend me from all the aſſaults of my enemies: Deliver me from myſelf; from my own corrupt affections and inclinations, and guard me againſt the naughtineſs and treachery of my own heart, which is inclined to evil continually; and where thou ſeeſt me either by nature or cuſtom moſt weak, there do thou, I beſeech thee, magnify thy power in my preſervation. O leave me not to myſelf, but guide and direct me by thy holy ſpirit, that by keeping innocency, and taking heed to the things that are right, I may have peace at the laſt: Leave me not to my own counſels, leſt my errors, my ignorances, and my failures increaſe, and my ſins abound to

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my deſtruction : Let thy goodneſs lead me to repentance ; and increaſe that repentance till thou becomeſt reconciled to me : O ſave me for thy mercy's ſake : Pardon my ſins, and deliver me from the power of them : Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right ſpirit within me : Keep me that I offend not with my tongue ; but make me to live in thy fear, that I may die in thy favour, and become an inheritor of the joys that are at thy right hand for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer before the Sacrament.

ALmighty and moſt merciful Father, who of thine infinite compaſſion to loſt mankind, haſt been graciouſly pleaſed to ſend thy Son Jeſus Chriſt into the world, to redeem us from ſin and miſery, and through his ſufferings to reconcile us to thy favour ; for theſe ineſtimable bleſſings I moſt humbly deſire to ſhew forth my unfeigned thanks in the manner which my Saviour himſelf has inſtituted and appointed : In remembrance therefore of all that he has done, and ſuffered for me, I approach his holy table ; and in humble confidence of his merits, I preſume to implore that pardon which he died to procure for me : Accept, O merciful God, of the atonement which

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he has made for me; and let his blood which was the seal of thy gracious covenant, turn away the vengeance due to my transgressions: Intercede, O holy Jesus, at the seat of mercy for me: O thou that taketh away the sins of the world, receive my prayer, and offer it up before the throne of grace; that for thy sake my repentance may be accepted; and through thy merits I may be again restored to the divine favour; and continue in it unto my life's end. Grant me, O God, all those graces which may make me a worthy receiver of this holy sacrament: Let the sufferings of thy dearly beloved Son set before me the heinous and dreadful nature of sin, which required so great a sacrifice to atone for it; and let the amazing love of my Saviour, in thus offering himself up for my sins, raise in me a due sense of the obligations I am under to love and obey him all the days of my life: Enliven my faith in thy promises: Confirm my hopes in thy mercy: Pardon all my past transgressions, and enable me to perform the vows which I now renew unto thee, of a more careful obedience for the future; and teach me, for my Saviour's sake, and after his example, to forgive my enemies, and to love all mankind; that thus being reconciled to thee, at peace in my own mind, and in charity with all the world, I may be a meet and acceptable partaker of this holy sacrament, and

and may obtain all the benefits of Christ's paſſions: Grant, O God, unto me, who am unworthy of the leaſt of thy mercies, theſe the greateſt of thy bleſſings for the ſake, and through the merits of him who died to purchaſe them for me, even thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer after the Sacrament.

I Deſire to adore and praiſe thy name, moſt gracious God, for thine ineſtimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; and that thou haſt afforded me an opportunity of remembering that love, by partaking of the bleſſed and comfortable Sacrament of the body and blood of thy dear Son: Make me alſo partaker of the bleſſings and benefits which are there diſpenſed to the worthy receivers of this Sacrament: Help me, O my God, to perform the covenant I have renewed at that table, and faithfully to keep my vows of obedience and newneſs of life: Pardon, good Lord, whatever imperfections have attended the performance of this great duty: Impute not unto me my weakneſs and my frailties; but accept of my reſolutions to do better, and make them ſincere and laſting as my life: Let the remembrance of the dying love of my Saviour henceforth influence all my thoughts, words, and

and actions: Keep me from all things that may hurt me; from sinful passions, from distrustful, anxious cares, and fleshly lusts; preserve me stedfast in the ways of truth and justice, of meekness and charity, of religion and virtue, all the days of my life here upon earth; and at length, of thy infinite mercy, grant me an entrance into thine everlasting kingdom, in heaven, through the merits and mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ, who hath taught us to pray, saying,

Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy Kingdom come; thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this Day our daily Bread; and forgive us our Trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil; for thine is the Kingdom; and the Power and the Glory; for ever and ever. Amen.

A Sentence to be used before Reading, and Prayer, either public or private.

LET the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer.

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O Lord, accept my prayers, and let thy words ſink into my heart, ſo that it may bring forth fruit in my life; which I beg for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake. *Amen.*

A Grace before Meat.

GIVE a bleſſing, O Lord, to what we are going to partake of through thy goodneſs towards us; and teach us to make a right uſe of all the mercies thou daily beſtoweſt upon us, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace after Meat.

WE praiſe thy name, O Lord, for the food and nouriſhment we have now received through the charity of our Benefactor; and deſire to give ourſelves up to thy ſervice, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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